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SUBJECT: VISIT OF NATIONAL POPULAR ASSEMBLY PRESIDENT TO U.S.

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1. NATIONAL POPULAR ASSEMBLY PRESIDENT RABAH BITAT BEGAN OUR VERY CRODIAL MEETING YESTERDAY WITH APOLOGY FOR NOT HAVING GOTTEN BACK TO US YET ON DATES FOR VISIT TO U.S. PROPOSED BY CHARGE LYNE JUNE 14 (ALGIERS 1524). HE INDICATED HE WAS EAGER TO GO, PERHAPS EVEN BEFORE NEXT SESSION OF ASSEMBLY IN NOVEMBER , AND I PROMISED TO COME BACK TO HIM WITH SOME PROPOSED DATES.

2. I WOULD APPRECIATE IT IF DEPARTMENT COULD PROPOSE TO ME TWO OR THREE SETS OF DATES FOR TWO-WEEK VISIT BY BITAT, KEEPING IN MIND THAT BEST TIME FOR HIM TO TRAVEL IS SEPTEMBER 17-30. ANY EARLIER DATES WOULD RUN INTO 'ID AL-FITR FESTIVITIES MARKING END OF RAMADAM (SEPTEMBER 15-16), WHILE DATES MUCH LATER WOULD MAKE IT DIFFICULT FOR HIM TO PREPARE FOR NEXT ASSEMBLY SESSION.

3. FROM OUR POINT OF VIEW, FOLLOWING IS PRIORITY ORDER OF DATES: SEPTEMBER 17-OCTORBER 2; SEPTEMBER 24-OCTOBER 9; OCTOBER 1-16; AUGUST 27-SEPTEMBER 11. HOWEVER, WE RECOGNIZE THAT SCHEDULE OF U.S. CONGRESSIONAL LEADERS
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AND OF OTHER HIGH-LEVEL VISITORS TO WASHINGTON MUST BE TAKEN INTO CONSIDERATION.

4. BITAT'S UNEXPECTED READINESS TO TRAVEL MAY REQUIRE FY-77 FUNDING, AND THIS SHOULD BE KEPT IN MIND AS DEPARTMENT TAKES ACTION ON ALGIERS 1872, WHICH RELEASED REMAINING I.V. FUNDS

5. BIOGRAPHICAL DETAILS AND PROGRAM SUGGESTIONS WILL
FOLLOW UPON RECEIPT PROPOSED DATES.HAYNES

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